

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please replace paragraph 2, line 8 at page 13 with the following:*

Bile acids for use in the method of the invention include, but are not limited to, chemodeoxycholic acid (3 $\alpha$ , 7 $\alpha$  -dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oic acid), ~~aur~~ursodeoxycholic acid (3 $\alpha$ , 7 $\beta$ -dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oic acid), dehydrocholic acid (3,7,12-trioxo-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oic acid), cholic acid and deoxycholic acid.